FACT SHEET AB 434 (Assembly Member Block): After School Programs

Summary

AB 434 would reduce the required amount of cash or in-kind local funding mandated in the act from 1/3 of the total grant to 15%. This proposal will also authorize the cost of a program site supervisor selected under the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002 to be included as direct services, provided that at least 85% of the site supervisor's time is spent at the program site. Lastly, this proposal will include a finding and declaration of the Legislature that its provisions further the purposes of the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002.

Current Situation

The After School Education and Safety Program of 2002 (enacted through Proposition 49) authorizes the administrators of an after school program established through the act to operate during any combination of summer, intersession, or vacation periods for a minimum of 3 hours per day for the regular school year.

The act specifies maximum grant amounts for 3-year direct grants for before and after school programs. The act requires each program to provide an amount of cash or in-kind local funds equal to not less than 1/3 of the total grant from the school district, governmental agencies, community organizations, or the private sector.

Solution

These three changes to the Education Code will accommodate districts that are having trouble fundraising in these difficult economic times, and in so doing reduce the burden on districts, local businesses, and agencies that desire to support these after school programs. This bill also clarifies the line item under which a site supervisor's time is recorded. Previous language gives no direction in this regard.

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